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SUBJ: SC MEETING ON ME: PROPOSAL TO RESUME IN GENEVA

REF: (A) USUN 2350; (B) STATE 123387

1. AT BEGINNING CONVERSATION ABOUT POSSIBLE SC MEETING IN GENEVA INDIAN PERMREP SEN TOLD AMB. SCHAUFLE THAT ANY REPORTS HE (SEN) INITIATED EFFORT TO CHANGE VENUE WERE FALSE.

2. SEN WENT ON TO SAY ME HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN NEW YORK FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS WITH VERY LITTLE PROGRESS, ESPECIALLY OVER LAST SIX YEARS. THEREFORE PERHAPS CHANGE OF VENUE WOULD HAVE A SALUTARY EFFECT ON PROCEEDINGS. HE SAID ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES ABOUT COST AND FACILITIES CAN ALWAYS BE OVERCOME IF REALLY DESIRED. SAID HE HAD NOT YET MADE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO NEW DELHI.

3. SCHAUFLE TOLD SEN THAT USG VIEWS THIS INITIATIVE WITH SERIOUS CONCERN. IF ONLY REASON IS THAT ADDUCED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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KENYAN PERMREP THEN IDEA IS FRIVOLOUS AND CAPRICIOUS. SEN AGREED THAT IT WAS NOT VALID REASON, ADDING THAT MEETING IN GENEVA WOULD BE INCONVENIENT TO HIM PERSONALLY.

4. SCHAUFUELE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF REASON IS POLITICAL THEN US RESENTS IMPLICATION THAT OPEN, FRANK AND UNINHIBITED DEBATE CANNOT BE HELD AT HEADQUARTERS. PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT ME DEBATES IN UN ORGANS HAVE NOT BEEN AFFECTED BY VIEWS OR OPINIONS IN HOST COUNTRY. SCHAUFUELE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ME DISPUTE IS DEEP AND OF LONG STANDING. THERE NO INDICATION CHANGE TO GENEVA OF ITSELF WOULD HAVE SLIGHTEST EFFECT ON VIEWS OF PARTIES CONCERNED.

5. SEN ASKED WHETHER THIS US REASONING WOULD HOLD FOR OTHER MEETINGS AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS, TO WHICH SCHAUFUELE REPLIED NEGATIVELY, ADDING THAT OUR VIEWS ON SUCH MEETINGS ARE REACHED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. SEN NOTED THAT WHEN HE TALKED WITH ISRAELI PERMREP TEKOAH HERE HE NEVER KNEW WHETHER HE MIGHT BECOME TARGET OF PRO- ISRAELI GROUPS BECAUSE OF INDIAN SUPPORT OF ARABS. SCHAUFUELE ASKED WHETHER IT HAD EVER HAPPENED AND, WHEN SEN REPLIED NEGATIVELY, ADDED THAT CHANGE TO GENEVA WOULD NOT SEEM TO PRESENT NEW SITUATION IN THIS REGARD.

6. IN CONCLUSION SCHAUFUELE REQUESTED SEN MAKE STRONG US OPPOSITION KNOWN TO NEW DELHI. AFTER PASSING REFERENCE TO AFRO- ASIAN SOLIDARITY SEN PROMISED HE WOULD DO SO.

7. COMMENT: AFTER USUAL FLIT AND SOMEWHAT ARROGANT ATTITUDE SEN GRADUALLY GREW SOMEWHAT MORE SOBER AS CONVERSATION PROGRESSED. THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE INDICATIVE OF ANY SECOND THOUGHTS, BUT YUGOSLAV CHARGE JOB TOLD SCHAUFUELE IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS THAT HE HAD FOUND SEN MUCH MORE EQUIVOCAL TODAY THAN ON FRIDAY. USUN RECOMMENDS THAT DEPT CONSIDER INSTRUCTING EMBASSY NEW DELHI MAKE SIMILAR DEMARCHE.
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